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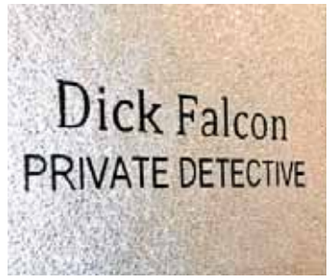

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Tats all, folks

Tattoo artist Andrew MacDonald inks a mermaid design on Ashley Defrane's arm on the last day of the Vancouver Tattoo and Culture Show on Sunday. Story, page 6. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Earth Hour a bust in B.C.

POWER

Electricity load dropped by a paltry 0.2% Saturday night

B.C. residents' participation in Earth Hour was poor in 2015, according to B.C. Hydro data from the one-hour global event where people are encouraged to turn off the lights to call for action on climate change.

The province's electricity load dropped by just 0.2 per cent during the event on Saturday from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., B.C. Hydro announced Sunday.

While that does reflect 15 megawatt hours of electricity savings — the equivalent of turning off about 680,000 LED light bulbs — it's a drastic decrease from the 65 megawatts saved in 2014 and the peak of 136 megawatts saved in 2013.

RANKINGS

Top 5 electricity saving communities in B.C.

1) Whistler: 7.2%
2) Invermere: 6.7%
3) Clearwater: 4%
4) Houston: 3.9%
5) Logan Lake: 3.2%

While British Columbians may be growing indifferent to the World Wildlife Foundation event, which started in Sydney, Australia, in 2007, it is still popular with more than 170 countries and territories participating worldwide.

Closer to home, Whistler took the prize for the most consumption-conscious community in B.C., with residents reducing their electricity load by 7.2 per cent.

Vancouver ranked 43rd in the province with 0.7 per cent savings.

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CRIME

Burnaby incident leaves two dead

One man died of his wounds after a double stabbing in Burnaby early Sunday and the alleged suspect died in hospital after he was shot by police.

The Independent Investigations Office (IIO), the civilian agency that investigates police-involved deaths or serious harm, was called in to investigate the fatal police shooting and has taken control of the crime scene.

RCMP received a call just before 6 a.m. Sunday about a stabbing at a residence in the 6100 block of 14th Avenue in Burnaby.

Burnaby Mounties arrived to find one stabbing victim dead and two other men inside the residence.

The alleged suspect was shot by officers, police said.

"He has been transported to hospital with what appears to be non-life-threatening injuries," said a statement by IHIT Sgt. Stephanie Ashton.

The man later died in hospital.

It is the third police-involved shooting in Burnaby this month under investigation by the IIO, which is investigating 11 officer-involved shootings in B.C. since last October, said Ralph Krenz of the IIO.

IHIT asked for anyone with information to contact police.

NEAL HALL/FOR METRO

Strathcona rallies behind survivor of brutal attack

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Fundraising underway to aid in victim's recovery

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

An East Vancouver community is rallying behind the woman who survived a vicious attack in her home last Thursday afternoon.

In just two days, more than 685 people donated more than $33,100 to the "Strathcona Cares" online fundraising campaign to support the woman throughout her recovery.

The woman was attacked, tied up and sexually assaulted by a stranger who broke into her home, according to police. A Good Samaritan who heard her screams rushed inside to stop the attack, and was joined by others to hold the man until police arrested him.

All donations will go directly to the woman, who is recovering from significant injuries.

"This woman is a survivor, and will need as much support from the community as we can give her," wrote Shelley Sullivan, the woman's neighbour who launched the fundraising campaign.

> **"The outpouring of love, prayers, healing thoughts, compassion, solidarity and generosity is overwhelming"**
> Shelley Sullivan, the victim's neighbour

"The outpouring of love, prayers, healing thoughts, compassion, solidarity and generosity is overwhelming," Sullivan wrote in an update.

"I am humbled and grateful to live in this community, where people actually care and take care of one another."

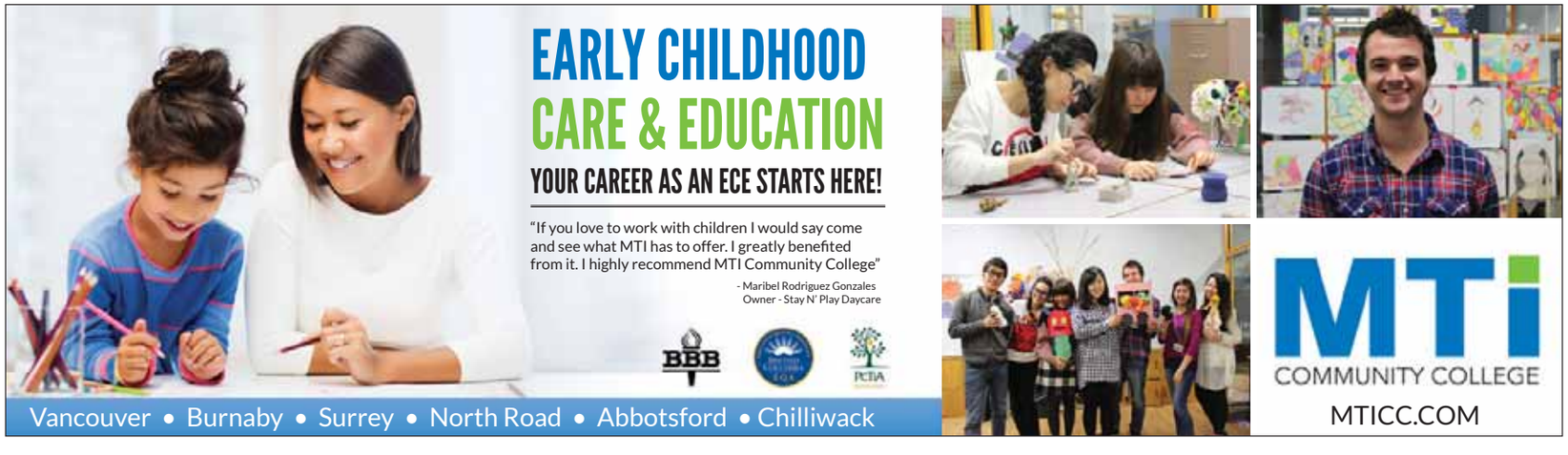
The neighbourhood also hosted a solidarity walk on Saturday to condemn violence against women. Hundreds attended, according to the Strathcona Residents' Association.

Vancouver police have scheduled a community meeting on Tuesday night to speak to the neighbourhood about the attack that rattled the community.

Caleb Timothy Heaton, 25, faces seven charges in relation to the incident including break and enter, sexual assault and unlawful confinement. He will remain in custody until his next court appearance.

Additional charges are expected, according to a statement from Const. Brian Montague. Details are limited due to a publication ban.

ECONOMY VIVE L'AIR FRANCE The first ever Air France direct flight to Vancouver International Airport from Paris's Charles de Gaulle Airport successfully touched down in Vancouver on Sunday. The airport authority celebrated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and welcoming event with politicians and airline officials. The airport says Air France's service to Vancouver will add $13.7 million added to the GDP, $8.8 million in wages and 250 jobs. CONTRIBUTED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IN BRIEF

Surrey man heads to food court while bleeding from gunshot wounds

RCMP say a Surrey man took a SkyTrain to a mall food court after suffering serious injuries in a shooting.

Mounties received a call at around 4:45 p.m. Friday about a man in the Surrey City Centre mall food court who had apparently been shot.

Officers responded and found the man, who was "visibly bleeding" from two gunshot wounds.

The Surrey resident in his 20s is known to police and has suggested the shooting occurred in a different community, but has not been forthcoming with information. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Two men fined $30M, banned from markets for investor fraud

The B.C. Securities Commission has permanently banned two men from the province's capital markets over what it says was one of the largest cases of fraud in B.C. history.

The commission says Michael Lathigee and Earle Pasquill raised $21.7 million from almost 700 investors without telling them that their firm, the Freedom Investment Club Group, had severe cash flow problems.

Each man has been ordered to pay $15 million in administrative penalties to the commission, resign from any positions they hold as directors or officers and are banned from taking part in any market activity. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Boonstock festival not returning to Penticton

The troubled Boonstock Music and Arts Festival will not be returning to Penticton in 2015.

Boonstock Productions Inc. made the announcement on social media, but organizers haven't said whether it will be moved elsewhere.

The four-day festival was held on the Penticton Indian Reserve last year and featured the performances by American rapper Macklemore and musician and DJ Ryan Lewis.

The festival was held in Gibbons, Alta., for nine years before it was banned and moved to Penticton, where it faced a string of hardships including the death of a 23-year-old attendee. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Crowdsourcing can help lunar robots, health care

MEDICINE

Cash prizes to try and solve issues facing First Nations

A long and dark list materializes when tabulating the health problems plaguing First Nations communities across Canada: HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis, nutritional deficits, alcohol and drug dependency, suicide.

Some innovative thinkers say they believe a brilliant solution could cost as little as $25,000.

An accounting firm and new tech outfit have joined forces to try and inspire problem-solvers from around the world to generate cost-effective ideas that might prove to be the magic elixir for the health-care challenges facing First Nations.

MNP LLP has adopted a strategy that's also being used by Google as it tries to send a robot to the moon — combining crowdsourcing and cash incentives to find solutions.

"Everybody will say, 'Let's throw more money at this problem,'" said Clayton Norris, an executive with the Calgary-based MNP. "But that's not what we're saying here."

The firm is putting up just $25,000 as first prize, and two smaller prizes of $5,000, for the best ideas that will be judged by a panel of health experts and its own representative. The challenge is dubbed "Operation Blue Sky."

First Nations health advisors say the avant-garde use of crowdsourcing is a first for aboriginal health care in Canada.

A man walks past the Vancouver Native Health Society in Vancouver on Saturday. An accounting firm and new tech outfit have paired to challenge problem-solvers from around the world to generate cost-effective ideas that might prove to be the magic elixir for the health care challenges facing First Nations. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Chief Medical Officer Dr. Evan Adams, with B.C.'s First Nations Health Authority, urged "sophisticated" proposals showing a clear understanding of the complex issues.

"For us, it is very colonial when people say, 'Oh, you know what you Indians need to do? You need to eat your vegetables, so let me start up a program where we teach your kids,'" he said.

> **Everybody will say, 'Let's throw more money at this problem.' But that's not what we're saying here**
> Clayton Norris, executive with MNP LLP

"A very evolved conversation would be ... We can work together. Rather than me coming in like a superhero, helicoptering in and telling all of you how to live your lives, let's decide together."

The company involved, called HeroX, is a for-profit spinoff of the XPrize Foundation, which is running Google's higher-stakes $30 million competition urging teams to design a cheap lunar robot by the end of 2016. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SURREY

Victim in suspicious death identified

Neal Hall
Metro | Vancouver

The victim of a suspicious death in Surrey early Saturday has been identified as 25-year-old Salamawit Girma of Surrey.

The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) was called in after 1:30 a.m. Saturday after it was determined that the woman's death was suspicious.

Investigators are now trying to determine whether foul play was a factor, police said Sunday.

The victim's spouse has contacted police and is cooperating with investigators, police said.

IHIT asks for anyone with information to call 1-877-551-4448.

Anonymous tips can be left online at solvecrime.ca or by calling 1-800-222-8477.

IN BRIEF

Two police cars crash into each other

Three on-duty police officers were sent to hospital as a precaution after two police cruisers crashed into each other early Sunday morning at 12th Avenue and Granville Street. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Charges stayed in case of truck that killed Mountie

Charges have been stayed against a truck driver who was involved in a crash that killed a Mountie in Surrey. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ABBOTSFORD

Homeless won't have to pay for documents

Legal advocates for a group of homeless people in B.C.'s Fraser Valley say they won't have to pay tens of thousands of dollars to access police documents after a court ruling.

Pivot Legal Society is representing the BC/Yukon Association of Drug War Survivors in a B.C. Supreme Court lawsuit that will be heard starting June 29.

The association is challenging the City of Abbotsford's 2013 eviction of homeless people from a park, as well as three bylaws that affect the local street population.

Pivot Legal lawyer DJ Larkin says the city argued in the B.C. Court of Appeal this week that the province's supreme court should not hear how police and city staff enforced bylaws against the homeless.

Larkin says the appeal court ruled Friday that the information should be heard in court. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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FIRST NATIONS

Abbott still wants to help treaty process

The man whose job was pulled from under him as the head of the B.C. Treaty Commission says if Premier Christy Clark thinks the treaty process is broken, he'd jump at the chance to help fix it.

George Abbott, a former Liberal cabinet minister, was earmarked to succeed Sophie Pierre on April 1, but Clark and her cabinet cancelled the appointment saying she wanted the treaty process to go in a different direction.

Abbott agreed that the treaty process needs improvement, and said making it work better was one of the main efforts he was looking forward to once he started working as chief commissioner.

"Revitalization of the process is hugely important," he said in an interview Friday, adding that he had hoped to work with the province, the federal government and First Nations to figure out what wasn't working and provide solutions.

"I'm still of the view that there can be a reconciliation between short-term economic agreements and long-term treaty agreements," he said. "I don't think the two are incompatible at all."

Clark's office did not immediately comment, but in an interview earlier this week, the premier said the government had decided not to appoint anyone chief commissioner, while acknowledging that her communication with Abbott about that had been "terrible."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

PROVINCE

Help for parents in protection system

The B.C. government is hoping to reduce the number of child-protection cases going to court by opening a new legal centre for parents.

The Parents Legal Centre is a pilot project that will be located in the Vancouver law courts and will be staffed by a lawyer, an intake worker and an advocate.

Parents or guardians involved with the Ministry of Children and Family Development or an aboriginal agency will be able to access information, advice, referrals and some legal representation at the centre.

The Legal Services Society will operate the $300,000 centre, as one of several pilot projects funded by the Ministry of Justice's previously announced injection of $6 million over three years.

Attorney General Suzanne Anton said Friday the government hopes early intervention will resolve disputes in child-protection cases before they make it to court.

"We want to see the court become a valued last resort. That's our vision for justice transformation in British Columbia, and it's what we're delivering," she said at a news conference.

Kasari Govender of West Coast LEAF said the new centre is a positive step, but it's only a "drop in the bucket" compared to what's needed to fix the critical legal aid shortage in B.C.

"This is one tiny element of a much larger crisis in the justice system, particularly in family law," she said. "The cuts to legal aid since 2002, which have absolutely gutted legal services, have had a detrimental impact on women's lives."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Christine Dibble gets a tattoo from artist Kaija Heitland at the Vancouver Tattoo and Culture Show on Sunday. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Vancouver is abuzz with tattoo artists

CONVENTION

The annual show drew ink newbies and veterans alike

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

The constant hum of tattoo guns filled the Convention Centre over the weekend as more than 100 artists showed off their skills at the Vancouver Tattoo and Culture Show.

Artists from across North America displayed their art at the annual convention, a three-day affair that attracts people who want to get inked by visiting and local artists, or simply scout designs for future tattoos.

Dozens exposed their skin and added to head-to-toe art collections on Sunday afternoon, toughing it out as passersby stopped to look or ask questions.

Christine Dibble didn't flinch once as local artist Kaija Heitland of Sacred Heart Tattoo added a swallowtail butterfly to her sleeve of butterfly tattoos.

> **For me, the butterfly is an ultimate symbol of transformation.**
> Christine Dibble

It was "a bit weird" to get a tattoo done with an audience, she said, but a good experience to see different styles and chat with people about what their tattoos mean to them.

"For me, the butterfly is an ultimate symbol of transformation," explained Dibble, who makes dried butterfly wings into jewelry.

Others took to the main stage to compete for a variety of best tattoo prizes, including a prize for large tattoos whose winner gladly dropped his trousers for the judges to get the full scale.

On Saturday one lucky attendee was made to feel better about a past decision with a prize in the "poor life choices" category for the worst tattoo.

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‘Room escape’ breaks out in downtown Vancouver

ENTERTAINMENT

People paying money to use wits to escape locked room

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

One of the themed rooms in SmartyPantz, a new ‘room escape’ business that has opened in downtown Vancouver’s Gastown neighbourhood. CONTRIBUTED

Being trapped inside a room might not sound like much fun, but in Gastown, people are actually paying to get in.

SmartyPantz is the first “room escape” business to open in downtown Vancouver. Groups of up to six people sign up to be “locked” in a room for 45 minutes, armed with nothing but their wits as they try to get out.

“It’s a ton of fun,” SmartyPantz co-founder Chris Ricard told Metro. “As soon you step through the door, you’re in a completely different environment.”

Room escapes are the latest live-action gaming trend to spring up in recent years. Inspired by escape-room video games popular in Japan, real-life escape rooms have emerged in Asia, Europe and, most recently, North America. Several have popped up in Richmond.

The concept is simple: a group of people are locked in a themed room together and given a mission to escape. Within a 45-minute time limit, the group has to work together to find clues and solve a series of puzzles to find the key.

“The whole idea here is that it’s team building,” said Ricard. “You’re either going to work together as a group, and the people that do, they’re solving the rooms.”

Complexity ratings for each puzzle range from moderate to diabolically difficult. Ricard said it took about two and a half weeks before a group was finally able to solve the most challenging room.

“Since then, we’ve had a few other groups that have solved it,” he said.

SmartyPantz has four themed rooms, with a fifth one set to open next month. Themes include Thirst for Murder, Tomorrow Never Comes, Spies and Lies, the Doomed Submarine and Dream Scape.

“Thirst for Murder is based on a serial killer’s basement,” Ricard said, adding with a laugh: “I’m not into the scary stuff, but a lot of people are.”

Working with a team of TV and film prop makers and set decorators, Ricard and co-founder Dan Civiero decorated each of the rooms with high-tech props and gadgets that spark to life when guests solve certain riddles.

SmartyPantz only opened its doors about a month ago, but business is already booming.

Ricard believes it’s the feeling of escapism that guests find appealing. In a world where people are glued to screens, working as a team in a physical space is an enjoyable distraction from the humdrum of daily life.

“They have to use their minds and they have to use their wits and work as a team,” he said. “I think that immersive element is a very big part of it.”

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CIVIL RIGHTS

Ottawa's eyes were on these protests

What do Canadian veterans, advocates for the disabled, and the country's largest union have in common? Their activities were monitored and reported on by police and government agencies over the last year.

Documents show the central Government Operations Centre received reports on more than 160 protests, community events, and demonstrations between May 2014 and February 2015. The RCMP, Public Safety Canada, and the Privy Council Office prepared reports for the GOC — which co-ordinates the federal government's response to national emergencies and natural disasters.

While much of the monitoring focused on First Nations causes and environmental activism, the GOC showed a diverse set of interests, including:

- A rally on Parliament Hill pushing for better benefits for Canadian veterans.
- A "die-in" protesting police brutality against black Americans, including vigils for Ferguson, Mo., shooting victim Michael Brown organized by the Black Lives Matter movement.
- An event called Paddle for Peace in Fort St. Jean, B.C., where the report noted "public order issues are not expected."
- Canadian Doctors for Refugee Care's national day of action.
- An "interfaith peace demonstration" in Mississauga.

The GOC was established by the former Liberal government in 2004. It was meant to provide 24/7 monitoring and "situational awareness" to government departments about potential or actual hazards on a national scale.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Investigators continue to work at the crash site for Air Canada Flight 624 that skidded off the runway early Sunday at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport. By Sunday afternoon, there only a few signs that anything had gone wrong. JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

Passengers left unfazed by crash at Halifax airport

AIR CANADA

Flight delays, cancellations after plane slid from runway

Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

Investigators spent the day at Halifax Stanfield International Airport combing through a badly damaged Air Canada jet that slid more than 340 metres along the runway after a 'hard landing' in a heavy snowstorm.

But, barely 12 hours after the crash, travellers at Stanfield International were dozing in the departures lounge and only a few delays were showing on the arrival and departures boards.

By Sunday afternoon, a handful of people lying on blue mats around the departures gate and delays flashing on screens were the only signs anything had gone amiss.

An Air Canada jet coming from Toronto made a hard landing at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport around 12:30 a.m., and the damaged plane sat on the tarmac all day Sunday after a second runway was opened.

"Incidents happen. To me it wasn't really an accident, it's an incident … so it doesn't deter me from flying," said Annette Ford as she waited to board a plane Sunday afternoon that was supposed to leave at 7 a.m.

Halifax International Airport Authority spokesman Peter Spurway said things were running slower than usual on Sunday afternoon, but steadily improving. Power at the airport had gone out soon after the plane landed, taking down the baggage and screening systems, which had to be done manually for a few hours.

"We'll have to make sure that the runway is completely all set before we can put it back in service," Spurway said.

> **"Flying into Canada, this is what sometimes happens."**
> Samantha Compton

As he waited for his delayed flight to Alberta, Jerome Almon of Cape Breton said there "was a lot of chaos" when he joined the lines of hundreds of people waiting to check baggage Sunday morning, but by 1 p.m. everything had calmed.

Some slept on blue mats along the benches, while others said they were offered vouchers for food and drink to make up for the unexpected delay.

The city was under a snowfall warning during the landing, and flyer Samantha Compton said it would be a good idea to review regulations in case anything could be improved.

"Flying into Canada, this is what sometimes happens, and (it's) unlucky, but everyone deals with the situation the best they can," said Compton, who arrived in Halifax after her flight in was delayed in Montreal.

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Filipina worker prays for reprieve

ALBERTA

Some TFWs might get more time in Canada, some might not

Lucy Haines
For Metro | Edmonton

As many Canadians will celebrate April 1 with jokes and pranks, 27-year-old Allen Osores will instead find out her fate, when her temporary work permit in Canada expires and the federal government decides whether to offer her a reprieve or deport her to the Philippines.

Alberta, a province whose energy-sector boom created huge demand for workers in the service industry, is home to a particularly large number of temporary foreign workers (TFWs), about 16,000 of whom face Osores' dilemma.

They've been here for more than four years and thus are now subject to a new federal law that says they must either be on the path to becoming permanent residents or prepare to head home as of Tuesday.

> **I have hope and faith that the government will let me stay.**
> Allen Osores

Just days before the deadline, Osores — who has been here only two years, but said her work contract is expiring — said she doesn't know what is about to happen.

"I came here for my family and never expected the law would change," Osores said. "I have hope and faith that the government will let me stay. But I think this will be my last chance."

About two years ago, Osores left her daughter, then five, and ailing parents behind in the Philippines to move to Edmonton.

She came for a job at a McDonald's through the Temporary Foreign Workers Program, and before she left, she promised her father she'd support the family financially, whatever happened.

Allen Osores, a native of the Philippines, landed a job at McDonald's in Edmonton, Alta. through the Temporary Foreign Workers Program. Now, she — along with 16,000 others in the province — are facing the possibility of deportation. LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO IN EDMONTON

After a few months, Osores' father died. Her family has depended on the money she sends home from her job since then.

Osores works full-time day shifts at a McDonald's in St. Albert, taking the bus to and from the 124 Street-area apartment she shares with a cousin.

"I just got off evenings, and had to take a cab then, so this is better," she said. "We're all here to work and not to complain about the shifts we get. God has a plan for everything, and I haven't been home in nearly three years. So we'll see."

Osores may get the reprieve she's praying for. Some temporary workers in Alberta are reportedly receiving an extension while they wait for their permanent resident applications to be processed.

But just who qualifies and who doesn't remains unclear.

The Alberta Federation of Labour and Canadian Federation of Independent Business have both advocated for an easier path to permanent residency and eventual citizenship for temporary workers, especially in Alberta where worker shortages have created a crisis for the businesses who cannot find other workers to fill jobs.

Adrienne Hill of Alberta's department of Jobs, Skills, Training and Labour said temporary workers are entitled to stay in Canada until their work permit expires or is renewed. Once the permit expires, the worker no longer has their job, she explained.

Osores said she's not ready to acknowledge she may have to leave Canada if an extension isn't permitted.

"My employer wants us to stay, and I want to stay in my father's memory. I made that promise."

DETAILS

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Governor stands firm on religious-objections law

INDIANA

Pence declines to say whether merchants can refuse gays

Indiana's governor defended Sunday the new state law that's garnered widespread criticism over concerns it could foster discrimination against gays.

Gov. Mike Pence appeared on ABC's This Week with George Stephanopoulos to discuss the measure he signed last week prohibiting state laws that "substantially burden" a person's ability to follow his or her religious beliefs. The definition of "person" includes religious institutions, businesses and associations.

Some national gay-rights groups say it's a way for lawmakers in Indiana and other states where such bills have been proposed this year to essentially grant a state-sanctioned waiver for discrimination against gays and lesbians.

Supporters of the law, including Pence, contend discrimination claims are overblown and insist it will keep the government from compelling people to provide services they find objectionable on religious grounds. They also maintain courts haven't allowed discrimination under similar laws covering the federal government and 19 other states. Arkansas is poised to follow in Indiana's footsteps, with a final vote expected next week in the state House on legislation that Republican Gov. Asa Hutchinson has said he'll sign.

Since Pence signed the bill into law Thursday, Indiana has been widely criticized by businesses and organizations around the U.S., as well as on social media with the hashtag #boycottindiana. Already, consumer review service Angie's List has said it will suspend a planned expansion in Indianapolis because of the new law.

Pence, a Republican, did not answer directly when asked at least six times whether under the law it would be legal for a merchant to refuse to serve gay customers. "This is not about discrimination, this is about empowering people to confront government overreach," he said.

Sexual orientation is not covered under Indiana's civil-rights law. Pence has said he "won't be pursuing that."

Pence told the Indianapolis Star on Saturday that he was in discussions with legislative leaders over the weekend and expects a clarification bill to be introduced in the coming week. He addressed that Sunday, saying, "If the General Assembly … sends me a bill that adds a section that reiterates and amplifies and clarifies what the law really is and what it has been for the last 20 years, then I'm open to that."

But Pence was adamant that the measure, slated to take effect in July, will stick. "We're not going to change this law," Pence said.

Josh Earnest, U.S. President Barack Obama's spokesman, appeared on This Week just after Pence and said the debate isn't a political argument.

"If you have to go back two decades to try to justify what you're doing today, it may raise questions," Earnest said, referring to the 1993 federal law Pence brought up. He added that Pence "is in damage-control mode this morning and he's got some damage to fix."

State Rep. Ed DeLaney, an Indianapolis Democrat, told a large, boisterous crowd Saturday gathered outside of the Statehouse to protest the law he said creates "a road map, a path to discrimination." Rally attendees chanted "Pence must go!" and held signs that read "No hate in our state."

Pence addressed the critics Sunday, saying: "This avalanche of intolerance that's been poured on our state is just outrageous." Asked if he would be willing to add sexual orientation to the list of characteristics against which discrimination is illegal, he said, "I will not push for that. That's not on my agenda, and that's not been an objective of the people of the state of Indiana."

Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard, a Republican who opposed the law, has said he and other city officials will talk with businesses and convention planners to counter the uproar.

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Hundreds of people gathered outside the Indiana Statehouse on Saturday for a rally against legislation signed Thursday by Gov. Mike Pence. RICK CALLAHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

We're not going to change this law
Indiana Gov. Mike Pence

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Supreme Court is preparing to hear arguments next month over the constitutionality of same-sex marriage.

RADICALISM

ISIL beheads eight in video

A new video released by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) group on Sunday shows its fighters cutting off the heads of eight men said to be Shiite Muslims. The video posted on social media said the men were beheaded in the central Syrian province of Hama.

The video could not be independently verified immediately but it appeared genuine and corresponded to other reporting of the events. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights also said that the video was authentic.

ISIL has beheaded scores of people since capturing large parts of Iraq and Syria last year in a self-declared caliphate.

In the video, the men, wearing orange uniforms with their hands tied behind their backs, are led forward in a field by teenage boys. They are then handed over to a group of ISIL fighters. A boy wearing a black uniform hands out knives to the fighters, who then behead the hostages.

An ISIL fighter speaks in the video, using a derogatory term for Shiites and calling them "impure infidels." The ISIL fighter says in the video that the current military campaign against ISIL will only make the militant group stronger.

"Our swords will soon, God willing, reach the Nuseiries and their allies like Bashar and his party," the man said referring to Syrian President Bashar Assad and Lebanon's militant Hezbollah group that is fighting on his side. The word Nuseiry is a derogatory term to refer to Assad's Alawite sect, an offshoot of Shiite Islam.

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The sign outside the National Security Agency campus in Fort Meade, Md. The agency mulled abandoning its secret program to collect and store U.S. calling records before Edward Snowden revealed the practice, intelligence officials say. PATRICK SEMANSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

NSA debated value of phone records

SURVEILLANCE

Internal dissent may be relevant as U.S. Congress reconsiders law

The National Security Agency (NSA) considered abandoning its secret program to collect and store American calling records in the months before whistleblower Edward Snowden revealed the practice, current and former intelligence officials say, because some officials believed the costs outweighed the meagre counter-terrorism benefits.

After the leak and collective surprise around the world, NSA leaders strongly defended the phone-records program to Congress and the public but without disclosing the internal debate.

The proposal to kill the program was circulating among top managers but had not yet reached the desk of Gen. Keith Alexander, then NSA director, according to current and former intelligence officials who could not be quoted because the details are sensitive. Two former senior NSA officials say they doubt Alexander would have approved it.

Still, the behind-the-scenes concerns, which have not been reported previously, could be relevant as Congress decides whether to renew or modify the phone-records collection when the law authorizing it expires in June.

The internal critics pointed out that the already high costs of vacuuming up and storing the "to and from" information from nearly every domestic land-line call were rising, the system was not capturing most cellphone calls and the program was not central to unravelling terrorist plots, the officials said. They worried about public outrage if the program ever was revealed.

After the program was disclosed, civil-liberties advocates attacked it, saying the records could give a secret intelligence agency a road map to Americans' private activities. NSA officials presented a forceful rebuttal that helped shape public opinion. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AMENDMENT

Responding to widespread criticism, U.S. President Barack Obama proposed in January 2014 that the NSA stop collecting the phone records and instead request them when needed from telephone companies, which tend to keep them for 18 months.

Yet the president has insisted that legislation is required to adopt his proposal, and Congress has not acted. So the NSA continues to collect and store records of private U.S. phone calls for use in terrorism investigations under the Patriot Act.

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In this undated photo provided by Carolyn Chester, her parents, Edmund and Enna Chester and their daughter, Patricia, arrive in Cuba on a flight from Florida. When Fidel Castro's government began confiscating the property of thousands of U.S. citizens and companies in 1959, the Chesters lost an 80-acre farm and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of stock. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Families seek seized property

CUBA

Americans hopeful they may get lost wealth back

The smell of Cuban coffee drifts from the kitchen as Carolyn Chester digs through faded photos that fill boxes spread across the dining table.

They show friends linked arm-in-arm on a Cuban beach; men in suits and women in evening gowns at a Havana nightclub.

And in almost every frame, an American man with a salt-and-pepper moustache and a raven-haired woman — Chester's parents — are smiling at the good fortune that, they could not know, would soon be snatched away.

"I always heard about Cuba … and all this money that we lost and 'Maybe one day,' but I didn't understand it," Chester says.

Six decades later, that day may finally be nearing for Chester and others like her. To reach it, though, diplomacy will have to settle very old scores.

After Fidel Castro seized power in 1959, Cuba confiscated property belonging to thousands of American citizens and companies. Edmund and Enna Chester lost an 80-acre farm, thousands of dollars' worth of stock, and a Buick that, who knows, may still be plying Havana's streets.

In 1996, Congress passed a law insisting Cuba pay for confiscated property, valued today at $7 billion US, before lifting the U.S. embargo.

That went unmentioned in President Barack Obama's December announcement that the countries would resume diplomatic ties. Given Cuba's frail economy, experts say companies whose property was taken might settle for rights to do business there and move on.

But corporations don't cling to memories like families can. and bitterness lingers on.

Edmund Chester's story began when he returned to Louisville, Ky., from the Army and found work as a newspaper reporter. He taught himself Spanish and in 1929 was hired by The Associated Press, which dispatched him to Havana.

Chester spent a decade reporting from the Caribbean and Latin America, time that seeded two crucial relationships.

The first came after covering a 1933 revolt that put a former sergeant, Fulgencio Batista, in charge of Cuba's military. In the 1950s, when Batista was Cuba's dictator, he trusted Chester — by then a confidante and no longer a journalist — to write his biography.

The second began when Chester covered a 1939 earthquake in Chile and spotted Enna at a hotel swimming pool.

In 1940, CBS hired Chester as chief of radio broadcasting for Latin America. Eventually, he became the network's director of news in New York.

Chester returned to Cuba in 1952, buying a chain of radio stations on an island that was a U.S. economic outpost and a hedonistic getaway for Americans, including celebrities like Frank Sinatra.

Chester eventually sold the stations, but the family continued splitting time between Havana and Florida. He opened a public relations agency in Cuba and bought an 80-acre farm there. In 1957, the Chesters acquired $250,000 US worth of Cuban Telephone Co. shares.

But Edmund Chester, then Batista's speechwriter, grew uneasy as Castro gained ground.

"I agree that we ought to make (a) complete break with Cuba," he wrote Enna in 1958.

He rejoined the family in Florida before Christmas. Batista fled days later, and Castro seized control.

When the Soviet Union began shipping oil to Cuba, the U.S. ordered island refineries, most American-owned, not to process its archrival's crude.

Cuba seized the refineries. By the time President John F. Kennedy imposed the embargo in 1962, Cuba had confiscated scores of properties.

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BACKGROUND

Thousands of claims filed

Inside a little-known U.S. federal agency, 5,900 claims files tally property that once belonged to Americans in Cuba.

The federal Foreign Claims Settlement Commission fielded thousands of claims for confiscated Cuban property. The largest came from corporations, led by U.S.-owned Cuban Electric Company, for power plants valued at $268 million US. But most came from individuals and families.

In 2005, U.S. officials commissioned a study of the claims and strategies for settling them. A group at Creighton University won the job. Professors pored over old claims. Two flew to Cuba, searching for the properties. Some were mouldering, others gone.

In 2007, Creighton professors cautioned claims might net just three or four cents on the dollar.

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FRANCE ELECTIONS

Socialists lose to mainstream right

Former President Nicolas Sarkozy blasted the "lies, denial and impotence" of France's governing Socialists after estimates showed his conservative party and their allies chalked up wins across France in Sunday's local elections that saw the left lose half of its councils. The far-right National Front edged forward in its bid to create an army of grassroots support.

Socialist Prime Minister Manuel Valls conceded that the mainstream right won the voting.

"It is incontestable," Valls said, bemoaning divisions within the left that he said proved costly.

Polling firms estimated that Sarkozy's conservative UMP and centrist allies won 66 to 70 of the 98 local councils, while President Francois Hollande's divided Socialist Party — which held the majority of local councils before the elections — took up to 35 but potentially losing half of those it held before the elections. Last week's first round pointed to a win of the mainstream right.

Sarkozy, in a victory statement, said the right would prepare a changing of the guard "to redress the country, stop the decline that the most archaic socialism in Europe has plunged it into."

Estimates suggested the anti-immigration National Front could win up to two councils with scores that Valls said were "clearly in progression."

The political stakes were high despite the local vote as Hollande's left tried to save itself after failing to boost the lagging French economy or increase jobs and Sarkozy's right eyed a comeback, and each side tried to fend off the anti-immigration National Front which comes off a series of electoral victories.

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YEMEN

Military strikes to continue: Leaders

A two-day Arab summit ended Sunday with a vow to defeat Iranian-backed Shiite rebels in Yemen and the formal unveiling of plans to form a joint Arab intervention force, setting the stage for a potentially dangerous clash between U.S.-allied Arab states and Tehran over influence in the region.

Arab leaders taking turns to address the gathering spoke repeatedly of the threat posed to the region's Arab identity by what they called moves by "foreign" or "outside parties" to stoke sectarian, ethnic or religious rivalries in Arab states — all thinly-veiled references to Iran, which has in recent years consolidated its hold in Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and now Yemen.

The summit's final communique made similarly vague references, but the Arab League chief, Nabil Elaraby, was unequivocal during a news conference later, singling out Iran for what he said was its intervention "in many nations."

A summit resolution said the newly unveiled joint Arab defence force would be deployed at the request of any Arab nation facing a national security threat and that it would also be used to combat terrorist groups.

The agreement came as U.S. and other Western diplomats were pushing to meet a Tuesday deadline to reach a deal with Iran that would restrict its nuclear program in exchange for the lifting of economic sanctions.

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TUNISIA LEADING SUSPECT IN MUSEUM ATTACK KILLED IN ANTI-TERRORISM RAIDS: PRIME MINISTER A protester holds placards reading "All together against terrorism" during an anti-extremism march, in Tunis, Sunday. Tens of thousands of Tunisians from across the political spectrum marched through the capital Sunday to denounce extremist violence after a deadly museum attack on foreign tourists. Hours ahead of the rally, security forces killed nine terrorist suspects in raids around the country. HICHEM JOUINI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Co-pilot of crash belongs to our community: Pastor

FLIGHT 9525

Andreas Lubitz's hometown shocked

> **The co-pilot, the family belong to our community, and we stand by this, and we embrace them and will not hide this, and want to support the family in particular.**
> Michael Dietrich, pastor of the Lutheran church in Andreas Lubitz's hometown

The pastor of the Lutheran church in Andreas Lubitz's hometown said Sunday that the community stands by him and his family, despite the fact that prosecutors blame the 27-year-old co-pilot for causing the plane crash that killed 150 people in southern France.

The town of Montabaur has been rattled by the revelation that Lubitz, who first learned to fly at a nearby glider club, may have intentionally caused Tuesday's crash of Germanwings Flight 9525.

"For us, it makes it particularly difficult that the only victim from Montabaur is suspected to have caused this tragedy, this crash — although this has not been finally confirmed, but a lot is indicating that — and we have to face this," pastor Michael Dietrich said.

He spoke to The Associated Press after holding a church service Sunday to commemorate the crash victims and support their families.

"The co-pilot, the family belong to our community, and we stand by this, and we embrace them and will not hide this, and want to support the family in particular," Dietrich said.

He added that there is no direct contact with the family at the moment, but that he believes they are receiving good assistance.

French prosecutors haven't questioned the family yet "out of decency and respect for their pain," Marseille prosecutor Brice Robin said.

Authorities are trying to understand what made Lubitz lock his fellow pilot out of the cockpit and ignore his pleas to open the door before slamming the plane into a mountain on what should have been a routine flight from Barcelona to Duesseldorf. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Iran and world powers explore compromises

NUCLEAR TALKS

Negotiations at critical stage as deadline for deal looms

Iran is considering demands for further cuts to its uranium enrichment program but is pushing back on how long it must limit technology it could use to make atomic arms, Western officials involved in the nuclear talks said Sunday.

Iran's potential movement on enrichment reflected the intense pressure to close a deal. But substantial differences between the sides may prove too difficult to bridge before Tuesday's deadline for a preliminary agreement. Foreign ministers and other representatives of Iran and the six powers in the talks in Lausanne, Switzerland, have said there is a chance of succeeding by the deadline despite significant obstacles.

The officials said the sides were advancing on limits to aspects of Iran's uranium enrichment program, which can be used to make the core of a nuclear warhead. Iran has moved from demanding that it be allowed to keep nearly 10,000 centrifuges enriching uranium, to agreeing to 6,000.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss the talks, said Tehran now may be ready to accept even fewer.

Tehran is ready to ship to Russia all the enriched uranium it produces, the officials said, describing a change from previous demands that Iran be permitted to keep a small amount in stock.

One official cautioned that Iran previously had agreed to this, only to change its mind. Also, Iran's official IRNA news agency on Sunday cited an unidentified Iranian negotiator as denying such an agreement had been reached.

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U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, left, takes a walk Sunday, during a break of a new round of talks on the Iranian nuclear program in Lausanne, Switzerland. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISRAEL

Netanyahu calls Iran deal 'very dangerous'

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday that he has "deep concern" over a pending nuclear deal the West appears close to signing with Israel's arch-enemy Iran.

Netanyahu said that he conveyed those fears to visiting American lawmakers, warning that the looming deal appears to "corroborate all our concerns and then some."

Netanyahu has been a fierce critic of American-led efforts to reach a nuclear deal with Iran and publicly has clashed with the administration of U.S. President Barack Obama over the issue. Negotiators in the Swiss town of Lausanne are working on an initial agreement just three days before their self-imposed deadline.

"The Iran-Lausanne-Yemen axis is very dangerous for humanity and must be stopped," the Israeli premier said, referring to Iran's backing of Shiite rebels who have conquered most of Yemen.

Netanyahu depicted Israel and Middle Eastern countries as unified in their view of Iran's involvement in the Yemen unrest as "a strategic move to dominate the region." He criticized continued negotiations with Iran at a time when "Iran is rampaging through Yemen," saying that "talks continue as usual and go on, on a deal that from everything that we hear paves Iran's way to the bomb."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Yaalon said Iran was responsible for the fall of the pro-Western government in Yemen, and "instead of punishing it for that, Iran is getting a prize" with the negotiations.

"The West is allowing Iran through the front door of the family of nations," Yaalon said.

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Future Shop's closure doesn't spell end of tech stores: Expert

RETAIL

Customers value in-store experience: Mark Satov

The elimination of the Future Shop brand may be the end of an era for the once-successful Canadian retailer, but it does not foretell the end for standalone electronics stores, says one business expert.

Mark Satov says closing Future Shop was an "inevitable" move for Best Buy, the American company that bought the Canadian retailer in 2001.

"Best Buy is a big U.S. brand, so if they had to shutter one brand in Canada it would certainly be Future Shop," said Satov, a business adviser on customer strategy with Satov Consultants in Toronto.

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Satov said while electronics are often purchased online, he predicts customers will continue to value stores on the ground.

"If you are retaining bricks-and-mortar it's going after a different segment, it's providing a different experience, making sure to have the expertise and other things in the store that you just can't get online," said Satov.

"Not everybody is going to go get that experience and feel right about then going online and buying it from somebody else."

Retail analyst Maureen Atkinson says more than a third of electronics purchases are made online, making it the second largest Internet retail category after entertainment purchases like books and music. She says the Future Shop closures are part of a bigger retail trend.

Best Buy Canada says along with the Future Shop consolidation, the company is investing up to $200 million on improvements that include increasing staffing levels. The company's website currently lists more than 300 postings for retail jobs at Best Buy locations around Canada.

Best Buy also says it will invest in improvements to online shopping, such as allowing Internet customers to order products from in-store inventory.

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IN BRIEF

Target speeding up its exit from Canada

Target Corp. is planning to close all of its Canadian stores even faster than originally planned.

A court-appointed monitor overseeing the windup of the Target Canada stores says all 133 locations across the country will be permanently shut down by "as early as mid-April," which is about a month ahead of schedule.

Some locations have already ceased operations — 17 stores closed in the middle of March. Another six Target locations will shutter on Monday, while 23 are slated for closure on April 1, and 32 more on April 2.

A liquidation has been underway since last month, while lawyers are in court trying to iron out the details of Target's departure. A variety of creditors that include landlords, suppliers and others impacted by the closures, are trying to determine what will happen to money they're owed.

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Park Board's campaign only works if we do

CITY HOLLER
Trish Kelly

Last week, the Vancouver Park Board launched an outreach campaign aimed at making their facilities more inclusive for gender-variant and trans people.

The campaign includes a poster series of portraits and quotes from trans people and their families. It's direct, bold and with the tagline "Don't stop and stare — stop and think," it's a challenge to community centre users to stop gawking at those who appear different, and see the person in front of them.

Along with signage changes and staff training, such a campaign was a key recommendation made to the board last year by the Trans and Gender Variant Working Group, a volunteer advisory committee set up in 2013.

The recommendations were the result of a year of community consultation and research.

I was present at the Park Board meeting last April when the board unanimously approved all 77 recommendations made by the working group. When the entire board voted to support the report, the room erupted in applause, followed by a hug-a-thon which included park board commissioners, working group members and meeting observers.

Though I don't recall any Vision Vancouver commissions embracing members of the NPA caucus, it was by far the friendliest park board meeting I've ever attended.

I had a partner for many years whose gender confounded strangers. As a shy person, it was draining for her to so often be glared at or even directly confronted by strangers demanding clarification.

Gendered public washrooms, a last bastion of segregation in our society, were especially stressful.

At public events, we'd enter the washroom together, maintaining a constant calm banter, signalling to other women in the space we were in the right place. When I wasn't with her, she avoided public washrooms, a physical feat that caused health problems. The reality was she was unwelcome and even unsafe in such spaces.

We'll need it said by many, and often: We all belong.

For members of the trans and gender-variant community, it has to be disappointing that the campaign's conversation starts at Square 1: affirming gender variance exists and is no legitimate reason for discrimination. That the campaign can be described as a bold first step is even more reason to commend the people who posed for this campaign and shared a glimpse into the reality of their complex lives. It's hard work to speak directly to people's discomfort, especially when who you are is fundamentally what they are reacting to.

And it's more reason to commend the Park Board for throwing their resources and clout behind the cause of inclusivity.

We need the powerful voices of public institutions as much as we need individuals to check their prejudices at the community centre door. We'll need it said by many, and often: We all belong.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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What is the bigger vision for our post-secondary institutions?

More and more our post-secondary institutions are behaving like private — rather than public — enterprises, and it's students who are propping them up.

The ones benefitting, however, are university bigwigs.

Their salaries are routinely grabbing headlines, like UBC president Stephen Toope's $536,196, making him the top paid among post-secondary employees in B.C. last year, according to media reports. University of Alberta president Indira Samarasekera was criticized for her $529,000 salary in 2013. And just last week, we learned Western University president Amit Chakma earned an incredible $924,000 last year. Relax, Western countered: It's really only a $440,000 salary. Chakma got a two-for-one last year because he was owed a paid year of leave. Yeah, right. Job perks are not an excuse — they're part of the problem. And close to half a million dollars is still too high.

Don't give me the bull that you need to attract talent. A prestigious job with the ability to create real change will attract excellent candidates. It does for many other Canadian schools for half the price.

So why the high salaries?

David Macdonald, an economist at the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, said universities are competing against the private sector, where RBC's CEO made $7.56 million last year, instead of the public sector, where Prime Minister Stephen Harper pulled in $327,400.

If university boards believe they need to think like the private sector, who am I to disagree? Besides, that strategy aligns with their revenue models, which depend less and less on government funding and more and more on private sources, mostly tuition fees. Tuition now covers 51 per cent of Ontario university budgets, according to the province's faculty associations. Nationally, according to 2009 stats, they represent 35 per cent of university budgets, up from about 14 per cent in 1989.

But, my question is: What is the bigger vision for our post-secondary institutions? And where is the end game?

Macdonald argues we're already beginning to look like the U.S. (where median compensation for university presidents in 2014 was $478,896, according to one newspaper analysis).

Meanwhile, students from the University of Saskatchewan were protesting high tuition fees last week, conjuring up a dream, some might say, of free post-secondary education.

Other wealthy countries such as Denmark and Germany offer that; it's an idea that's realistic, yet wildly unlikely here.

Too bad. True public higher education — paid for by all of us, available to all of us — is my kind of vision.

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Get a grip on brolly behaviour on the bus

URBAN ETIQUETTE

How to keep umbrella use right as rain

Ellen Vanstone

Dear Ellen,

Winter is barely over, but I've already found myself about to sit down on the bus only to discover a wet seat caused by a previous passenger placing their umbrella on it. That, and I was almost stabbed by the person in front of me carrying their umbrella under their arm and stopping too quickly. What is the proper etiquette when it comes to commuting with umbrellas?

— Jeff in Vancouver

Dear Jeff,

It is never advisable to sit down on a wet seat on public transit, but at least in your case, we can assume the moisture is pure West Coast rainwater — not that it makes bad umbrella etiquette any less annoying.

Proper procedure with a drippy brolly is to shake it, shake like it's hot, then roll it up, strap it shut and hold it close to you like a cane, tip down toward the floor, while you sit or stand on the bus or train.

Chances are, a few stray drops may dampen your own leg, but if anyone's forced to soak up excess water from an umbrella, let it be the said umbrella's owner.

If you have a purse-size collapsible brolly, and you're OCD enough to have kept the little sleeve it came in, shake the umbrella, bundle it into the sleeve, or a plastic bag, and stuff it into your purse, knapsack or pocket.

As for the jabbing, not only is such behaviour the height of rudeness, it can also be fatal, as in the case of Bulgarian ex-pat Georgi Markov, who was jabbed in the calf by the tip of a passerby's brolly on London's Waterloo Bridge in 1978, and died three days later.

Admittedly, the umbrella that killed Markov contained the deadly poison ricin delivered in a micro-engineered pellet devised by KGB technology.

It's also true that Markov was a particularly sarcastic critic of Iron Curtain Communism. So if you're not a target of Cold War spies and your propensity for sarcasm remains at moderately civil levels, you are likely safe from this kind of murderous umbrella attack.

Still, when jabbed, even unfatally, it is tempting to use your own umbrella as a retaliatory weapon, but it would be very bad manners indeed to thrash a fellow commuter on public transit with your rolled-up umbrella — even if it's the very small, purse-sized model — no matter how much they deserve it.

“it would be very bad manners indeed to thrash a fellow commuter

A simple request is the way to go: “Excuse me, I wonder if you could lower your umbrella a touch?” (taking care not to add, sarcastically or otherwise, “and shove it where the sun don't shine”).

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PSYCHOLOGY

Humans designed to weather breakups

Humans are wired to break up and move on, according to a new study drawing on the field of evolutionary psychology.

“Our review of the literature suggests we have a mechanism in our brains designed by natural selection to pull us through a very tumultuous time in our lives,” says Brian Boutwell, associate professor of criminology and criminal justice and associate professor of epidemiology at Saint Louis University in the U.S.

Dr. Bountwell focused on the process of breaking up (deemed primary mate ejection for the purposes of the study), and getting over it — which is called secondary mate ejection.

“It suggests people will recover; the pain will go away with time,” he says of his research. “There will be a light at the end of the tunnel.”

Men are more likely to end relationships if their partner has cheated on them, according to the study, indicating that for evolutionary purposes, men are hard-wired to avoid raising children of whom they are not the biological father.

Women are likely to end relationships if their partner is emotionally unfaithful and this also has evolved for practical reasons, according to the study, which was published in the journal Review of General Psychology.

Mate ejection by females has evolved as a way to avoid the loss of resources, such as physical protection, that their mates provide, says Dr. Boutwell.

Yet men and women have reasons in common for ending a relationship, according to Dr. Boutwell, whose research suggests neither tolerates cruelty.

Research into lost love is important, says Dr. Boutwell, in developing a better understanding of why relationships fail.

“If we better understand mate ejection, it may offer direct and actionable insight into ways in which couples can save a relationship,” he says. AFP

Humans are wired to survive loss of love, study shows. ISTOCK

Lawyer eager to put Bieber in the hot seat

COURT

Singer facing civil lawsuit over alleged assault in limo

The lawyer for a limousine driver who has launched a civil lawsuit against Justin Bieber says he is "looking forward to the opportunity of cross-examining" the Canadian pop star in court.

Clayton Ruby, the lawyer for Abdul Mohar, has filed documents in an Ontario court that allege that Bieber assaulted his client during an incident in December 2013.

Ruby says he does "not make allegations lightly" and intends to prove them in court.

"His lawyer said he wasn't present, it wasn't him," Ruby said. "I'm looking forward to the opportunity of cross-examining Mr. Bieber on his non-presence or indeed his non-existence."

Bieber's lawyer, Brian Greenspan, said in a emailed statement that the civil claim against his client is "totally without merit."

Mohar is seeking $850,000 in damages and a permanent injunction preventing Bieber or anyone representing him from coming within 100 metres of him, according to the statement of claim filed on Friday.

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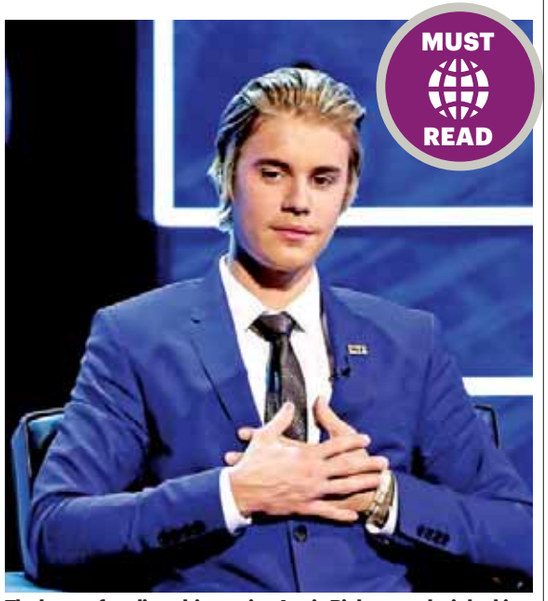
The alleged incident occurred in the early morning of Dec. 30, 2013, when Bieber and five other people were picked up by Mohar, who was working as an Uber driver, at a Toronto nightclub.



The lawyer for a limo driver suing Justin Bieber says he is looking forward to cross-examining the singer. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

HIP HOP

Ice Cube talked Dre into doing biopic

The N.W.A. biopic Straight Outta Compton hits theatres later this year, and apparently that might not have happened if Dr. Dre had originally gotten his way.

The music mogul and founding member of the groundbreaking rap group admits during an interview with L.A. radio station Real 92.3 that he was initially against the idea of dramatizing the group's journey.

"I was worried about it at the beginning. As a matter of fact, I didn't even want to do the movie," Dre says.

"I was nervous about putting a blemish on our legacy. The story had to be told right."

Luckily, Ice Cube talked him into it: "He went out and got the first draft of the script done, I read it and was like, 'OK, we can work with this. We can turn this into something.'" NED EHRBAR/METRO IN HOLLYWOOD

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PRIVATE CLUB

Sorry, Kim, you're a no-go at Soho

I thought I wanted a Soho House membership before, but now I really, really want one. The private club's Los Angeles outpost just celebrated its fifth birthday, and to mark the occasion, a former membership director is spilling the beans on which big names have been turned away from its cushy confines.

"We denied access to every Real Housewife who applied," Tim Geary tells the Hollywood Reporter. "Kim Kardashian has unsuccessfully tried numerous times. Kobe Bryant showed up and chose not to join. We didn't let him up. There was debate over Britney Spears. Not sure how that played out. We tried not to give membership to people who would fuel paparazzi or bring press." This place sounds amazing. NED EHRBAR/METRO IN HOLLYWOOD

MOVIES

Borat is Freddie ... or not

Sorry, Queen fans, those reports about Sacha Baron Cohen rejoining the planned Freddie Mercury biopic were actually not that accurate. It turns out the band's manager, Jim Beach, was just joking when he said Cohen was back on board, guitarist Brian May clarifies.

Beach "said that, in response to enquiries about the progress on the Freddie feature film, that Sacha Baron Cohen had been reengaged to write, produce, and direct the film, as well as starring in all four major roles," May writes. "I'm afraid some folks might have taken it seriously."

Cohen was attached to play the iconic singer for years, but officially left the project in 2013. NED EHRBAR/METRO IN HOLLYWOOD

MUSIC

Brit connection: T-Swift dating rumours are swirling again

It's been a hot minute since we've had any speculation about Taylor Swift's love life, and if that's had you feeling deprived I've got some good news for you.

Last week, Swift was spotted "getting snuggly" with superstar DJ and producer Calvin Harris at a Kenny Chesney concert in Nashville, and sources say they've been spending time together a lot before then as well, having first met last month at the Brit Awards.

"He is taken with her. They connected properly at the Brits, and it's been going on since then," a source says, according to Us Weekly.

"It's been going on a few weeks. They actually make a great couple. They are just getting to know each other and we'll see what happens."

And Harris is clearly a good sport — or really, really into Swift — because come on, a Kenny Chesney concert? That's dedication. NED EHRBAR/METRO IN HOLLYWOOD

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Know the real cost of your car

FINANCING

Beware of hidden driving expenses and too-long loans

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The salesman, eyes twinkling, says, "C'mon, it's just $125 a week to drive this beauty!" But if you fall for this trap it will cost you. ISTOCK

I'm standing in front of a money moron pointing out that he's spending way too much on his vehicle. His response: "It's only $350 biweekly." Lord love a duck! The dude is taking home about $4,000 a month and thinks that spending $700 a month on a vehicle payment is OK.

"So you're OK spending more than a quarter of your income on your car?" I ask, my eyes almost popping out of my head in disbelief. (You've seen my eyes do that, right?)

"What do you mean?" he asks, since by his calculation, he's nowhere near the 25 per cent mark.

"Add in your insurance, your maintenance, your gas," I say, stabbing at the paperwork in front of us, "it comes up to $1,100 a month. That's 27 per cent of your income."

He looks stunned. He had never added it up.

Of course he hadn't. He'd seen that $350 biweekly payment and felt really good about working that into his non-existent budget. And he never thought of the payment in the context of his income. He'd seen a payment of $350 and thought, "I can have this great car for $350!"

The biweekly or weekly payment is the latest trend in payment positioning in the car biz. You can make just about any payment amount palatable if you break it down enough. The salesman looks at you, a twinkle in his eye, and says, "If you take the loan for 84 months, you can have that beautiful vehicle for just $125 a week."

Zoom! Zoom! You can do $125 a week, right? C'mon, it's just $125 a week to drive this beauty!

Back to my money moron.

"I have more bad news for you, buddy. Have you added up what this vehicle is going to cost you by the time you've paid it off?"

"No," he says sheepishly. Why would he do that? He doesn't want to know what the interest is going to add to the cost of the vehicle? He just needs to know how small he can make the payment.

"OK," I say, "that's the next step." I give him a calculator and say, "Multiply the $45,000 you dropped on this baby by the six per cent you're paying on your loan. Then divide by 12 to get the monthly interest. What do you get?"

He pushes the buttons on the calculator and comes up smiling. "$225," he says, confident that he's done it right.

> **You can make just about any payment amount palatable if you break it down enough.**

"How long is the loan?"

"72 months," says he.

"Since the interest is calculated on a declining balance, we're going to use 68 months for this calculation. Multiply $225 by 70 months."

He pushes more buttons and says, "$15,750."

"So you'll have paid over $60,000 for that $45,000 car!"

He's surprised. He'd never thought about adding the financing cost into the purchase price to see what the car was actually going to cost.

Now that we have, he has the decency to look chagrined.

"Assuming, of course, you drive that puppy for six years."

Car salespeople have another nifty trick up their sleeves when it comes to making you feel better about being a money moron.

If you run out of car before you run out of payment they're happy to roll what you owe to the new vehicle they're selling you. They call what you still owe "negative equity."

Don't be fooled by the word "equity." You don't have any, thus the word "negative." Translated into English, "negative equity" equals "debt."

So now that you've taken a too-long loan, and the loan has outlasted the vehicle, why don't you take some of that debt you haven't yet paid off and wrap it around your new car loan, driving up the new car cost even further?

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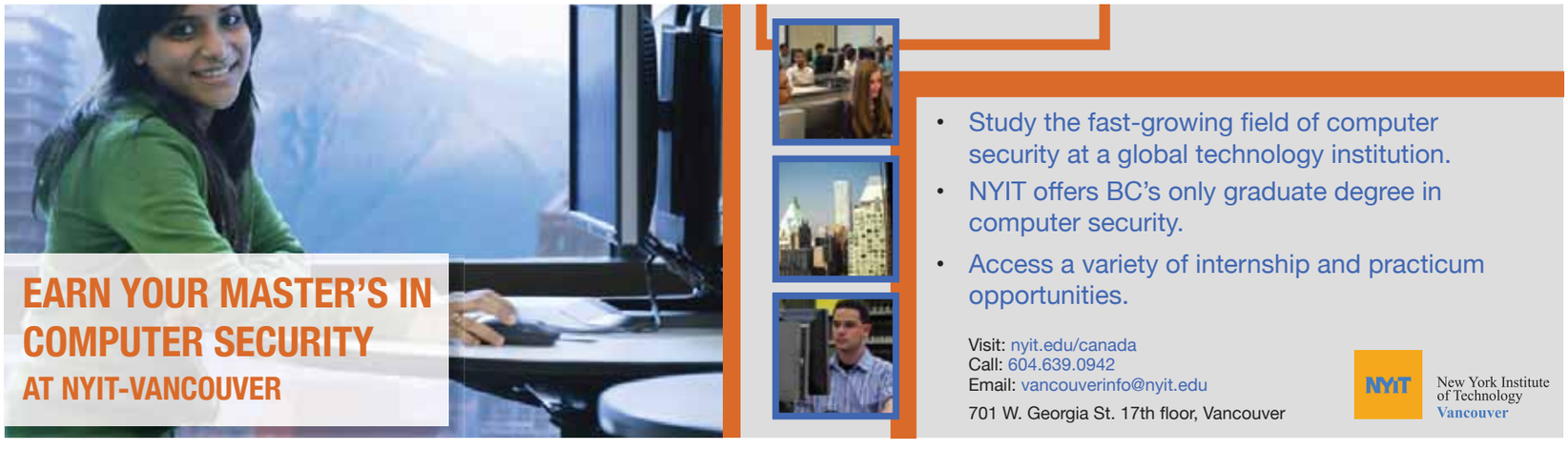
"Get rid of the car," I say, "you can't afford it."

His mate looks over at me triumphant. She told him not to buy that car, but he'd gone ahead and done it anyway. Money morons aren't particularly good listeners!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Jolie wants kids to cause some trouble

AWARDS SHOW

Hollywood's former bad girl offers some sage advice

The traditional green slime flowed at the Kids' Choice Awards, but it was Angelina Jolie's message of empowerment for youngsters that stuck.

Jolie, who has sought to inspire women with public candour about her own health, said that "different is good" as she accepted the favourite villain award Saturday for her movie role as the title character in Maleficent.

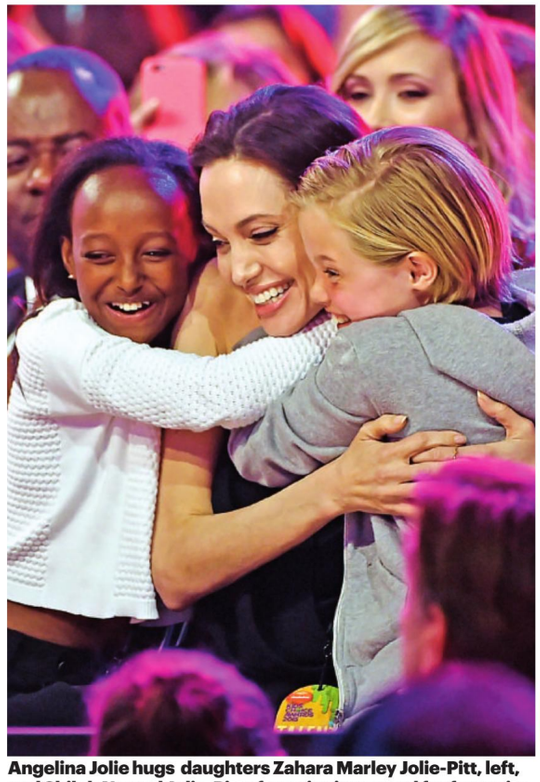
When she was young, Jolie said, "I was told I was different. And I felt out of place: too loud, too full of fire, never good at sitting still, never good at fitting in."

"When someone tells you that you are different, smile and hold your head up and be proud," she said, then added with a wink, "Cause a little trouble. It's good for you."

The actress and filmmaker, who disclosed earlier this week that she had undergone additional surgery aimed at preventing cancer, received excited hugs from daughters Shiloh and Zahara when her name was announced.

Other winners at the Nickelodeon channel's fan-voted awards included Emma Stone, who largely escaped its trademark slime when she accepted the best actress award for her role in The Amazing Spider-Man 2, and favourite family TV show Modern Family, whose stars including Jesse Tyler Ferguson didn't get away clean.

Nick Jonas hosted the ceremony, which also honoured the group Fifth Harmony as favourite new artist and Liam Hemsworth and Jennifer Lawrence of The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1 as favourite action stars. The film was voted favourite movie.



Angelina Jolie hugs daughters Zahara Marley Jolie-Pitt, left, and Shiloh Nouvel Jolie-Pitt after winning award for favourite villain for her role in Maleficent at the Kids' Choice Awards.
GETTY IMAGES

> **I was told I was different. And I felt out of place...**
> Angelina Jolie on her youth

Jonas won as favourite male singer but also ended up drenched in the ceremony's trademark green slime, as did Josh Gad (Frozen, Broadway's Book of Mormon), who got slimed by co-presenter Adam Sandler.

Performers included Iggy Azalea with Jennifer Hudson and 5 Seconds of Summer, which ended up taking a goo hit.

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EBOOKS

Becoming Steve Jobs

• By Brent Schlender & Rick Tetzeli
• Kindle/iBooks/Kobo
This rather affectionate account of Steve Jobs' life puts a strong focus on his spiritual side while portraying his infamously acerbic moods as a "bundle of contradictions" that was often channeled to "good use." It's a thorough telling, full of new photos and anecdotes, but offers few revelations.

GAMING

The Trace: Murder mystery game

• iPhone/iPad
• $5.79
This hands-on detective adventure offers elaborate crime scenes you can step through, clues you can pick up and scan, and a trail of grisly murder mysteries to solve using a helpful decision tree of nagging questions and evidence puzzles. It's dark and engaging.

APP

Kitchenbowl Recipes & Cookbook

• iPhone/iPad
• Free
Good recipe apps offer clear instructions. The best use step-by-step photo guides. Kitchenbowl goes one step further with animated GIFs and tools you can use to record and share. This creates a social network where you can pick up new tricks and find food inspiration.

APP

myHealthPal Take Control

• iPhone
• Free
Designed to help those with long-term health concerns manage their condition, this journal uses interactive tests and questionnaires to track symptoms, medication, diet, exercise and mood. Creator Mike Barlow has Parkinson's and encourages users to donate their app results as anonymized data for partnered research programs.

GAMING

Bloodborne

• PlayStation 4
• Rating: Mature 17+
Progress is very hard to come by in Bloodborne, a macabre Victorian combat adventure intentionally designed with a confusing and punishing difficulty where you die and reset over and over, doomed to repeat the same sequences again and again. Some may enjoy the challenge, but most will find it frustrating.

TRENDS

People aren't sold on self-driving cars

Although many can accept that autonomous vehicles could cut accidents caused by drunk driving or distractions and even increase productivity and leisure time, one third of U.S. adults say that they would never consider buying or leasing one.

Truly autonomous vehicles may well be some 20 years away from becoming an everyday reality, but the buzz around the technology has already reached deafening levels. To understand how this increasing media coverage is impacting consumer opinions, Harris Poll has surveyed a representative sample of 2,276 U.S. adults and the results are surprising. Even though a number of active assist systems are already appearing on cars, including park and traffic jam assist features, there is no consensus on this breakthrough. Just under one in five feel that self-driving cars are "insanely cool" and 22 per cent would go as far as to say it's a technology they'd love to have, but 12 per cent say that the whole subject is just "confusing."

As for perceived benefits and drawbacks, the computing power needed to take over driving responsibilities is weighing heavy on some people's minds — 80 per cent think that computer 'glitches' are going to be an issue and 37 per cent are concerned about personal data breaches.

A number of studies have highlighted how many accidents self-driving cars could prevent each year and a number of tech-focused companies in the industry, most notably Google and Tesla, have talked up how moving the human element from driving is the key to preserving life.

19%

Of respondents in a survey feel autonomous vehicles are 'insanely cool'
AFP

Over half (52 per cent) of respondents think that self-driving cars are potentially dangerous for their occupants, while 57 per cent think that self-driving cars are potentially dangerous to other road users and 61 per cent think that they're dangerous for pedestrians.

Yet conversely, 53 per cent agree that the technology could reduce accidents caused by drunk driving and those caused by driver distraction and half think that it could mean an end to speeding tickets.

Still, even though the technology is at en embryonic stage, there is already a clearly identified early adopter market — long distance commuters. Americans who drive more than 50 kilometres a day were the most positive about the technology — 27 per cent of respondents in this group said it was a technology they'd love to have and 23 per cent pointed to increased productivity as a potential benefit.
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While autonomous cars could cut down on incidents of drunk driving and increase leisure time, drivers still have their doubts about the technology. SHUTTERSTOCK

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Tongue ring takes a licking from boss

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Piercings can compromise your professional potential. ISTOCK

Dear Metro,

My boss recently suggested I might want to "reconsider" my tongue ring. She didn't tell me to remove it — but she strongly hinted it might be better for my career. (Our business is client-based and somewhat conservative.) I want to advance at work, but I also don't want to give up my piercing quite yet. How can I maintain my look without holding myself back at work?

— Biting My Tongue

Dear BMT,

What's less appealing: compromising your style or compromising your professional potential? Since there's no hard rule against your jewel, it's up to you to assess this trade-off.

If you're not ready to part with your piercing, disguise it. You could remove your barbell during office hours, or get a clear retainer to wear at work.

And definitely don't play with it during meetings.

To help make your choice, consider why you want to keep your ring. Whatever you decide, ditching your piercing may mean giving up an accessory — but it doesn't mean giving up yourself. Your jewelry is not your identity.

Dear Metro,

I am not a morning person. During my commute to work, I'm usually half awake. Which is why I always dread running into co-workers on the bus to our office. They want to chat — I just want a few minutes of quiet before the workday begins. Is there any way to avoid morning small talk without seeming like a grouch?

— No Fun Before 9

Dear NFB9,

Can't cope with your colleagues' a.m. energy? Arm yourself with conversation-crushing distractions.

When Barb yells yoo-hoo from the other end of the train, smile and wave — but don't remove your headphones. Alternately, get absorbed (or at least act absorbed) in some sort of consuming diversion: a book, a video game, needlepoint — anything that requires focused solo concentration. The key is to acknowledge your co-workers' presence without taking the convo further than "hello."

Extra-chirpy early birds, however, can be extra hard to dodge. In these cases, be nice, but brief. Smile and nod as Kent recaps the previous night's episode of Storage Wars. Laugh politely at Jenny's anecdote about her dog. Don't aim to match their energy. Instead, be passively polite. Make your outside look receptive while your inside begs for coffee.

And if you need an evasion scheme that's more complete, pretend to be asleep.

TECHNOLOGY

Packing peanuts power up

Scientists have discovered a new technology that converts polystyrene packing peanuts into high-performance carbon electrodes to make lithium-ion batteries.

Inspiration for the research project came when equipment was being delivered to set up a new laboratory at Purdue University in Indiana and the team wanted to put them to use.

What they got was a potential eco-friendly application for the mass amounts of packaging waste generated around the world. AFP

Scientists have discovered how to put packing peanuts to good use. ISTOCK

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Doctors have duty to warn: Experts

MENTAL HEALTH

A look at the responsibilities of a person who fears risk to the public

Emerging evidence in the investigation into Germanwings co-pilot Andreas Lubitz is raising suspicions he may have suffered from mental health problems which he hid from his employer.

And that, in turn, is raising questions of whether a mental health professional has a duty to warn authorities if he or she thinks a patient is likely to be a threat to others — in the workplace or elsewhere.

The short answer to that question is yes.

Let's take a look at this issue:

Candles are lit to remember the victims of the Germanwings Airbus flight on Saturday. The tragedy is raising questions of whether mental health professionals have a duty to warn authorities if they think a patient is likely to be a threat to others. THOMAS LOHNES/GETTY IMAGES

What is the evidence that suggests Lubitz had mental health problems?

It's early in the investigation, and information could change. But German media are reporting the co-pilot had been treated for depression. And The New York Times is reporting that among Lubitz's papers were several doctors notes stating he was too ill to work, including one for the day he seems to have deliberately crashed the plane he was co-piloting.

If Lubitz was under the care of a mental health professional, was that person duty-bound to warn authorities if it appeared Lubitz posed a risk to his airline's passengers?

Psychiatrists, like other medical professionals, are bound by laws of confidentiality. They must keep private the information they learn from their patients. That said, courts have ruled that at times the duty to a patient is superseded by the duty to warn or protect others.

What have the courts said in Canada?

Here the rules are guided by a Supreme Court decision from 1999 in a case called Smith vs. Jones. A psychiatrist, John Smith, did a psychiatric evaluation at the behest of the defence lawyers for James Jones, accused of aggravated sexual assault. During the session, Jones disclosed plans to kidnap, rape and kill prostitutes.

Smith applied to the courts for the right to disclose the confidential information. Lawyers for Jones attempted to block Smith. The case ended up before the Supreme Court of Canada, which ruled that doctor-patient confidentiality is not absolute and may have to be breached if there is a danger to the public.

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IS A SICK NOTE ENOUGH?

Andreas Lubitz

No, says Dr. Jeff Daskalakis, chief of the mood and anxiety division at the Toronto's Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. Daskalakis says if a doctor felt the pilot wasn't well enough to work, that doctor should have informed the airline.

"If you feel that there's a remote risk that this person has any kind of violent ideas and they're flying a plane, then I think it's essential ... to contact and notify the right authorities to make sure that both the person *and* the people that this person is responsible for are safe."

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Canucks' Vrbata laments the one that got away

NHL

Winger left to ponder what might've been after OT loss

Cam Tucker
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Radim Vrbata scored his 30th goal of the season on Saturday, but he lamented what could've been had he hit the milestone earlier on in the evening.

With the Canucks leading the Dallas Stars by a goal in the third period, Vrbata was on the finishing end of a pretty passing play, except what looked like a sure goal from Vancouver's best scorer this season was actually a brilliant right-pad save from goalie Kari Lehtonen.

What could've been a two-goal lead for Vrbata and the Canucks in another game with critical points at stake turned into edge-of-your-seat drama that saw the Stars actually take the lead late in the third period and then earn a 4-3 win in overtime.

Vrbata did eventually score, on a no-look, spin-and-fire wrist shot that beat Lehtonen stick side with 1:12 remaining to help send the game to overtime. The veteran winger had hit the 30-goal plateau, and the Canucks managed a single point.

The Canucks' Radim Vrbata scored his 30th goal of the season against the Stars on Saturday.
JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Still, Vrbata was left to ponder about the one that got away.

"If one of those shots goes in before that, make it 3-1, that would get us a two-goal lead and some cushion," said Vrbata afterward.

"That's hockey. Momentum. We keep talking about it every time there's momentum shifts in a game. If I could've scored the third one, it could've been game over."

35
The most goals Radim Vrbata has scored in a single season — 2011-12 with the Coyotes.

The Canucks now head out on a four-game road trip through the Central Division, with all four opponents holding playoff positions in the Western Conference.

There are stops in St. Louis, Nashville, Chicago and Winnipeg.

And when the Canucks return home, they face the L.A. Kings.

It's a five-game spell that could make or break the Canucks playoff hopes. They depart on this trip with a two-point lead over the Calgary Flames, and a three-point lead on the Kings.

"That's the season right there," said Vrbata.

AROUND NHL

Blackhawks 4, Jets 3
Jonathan Toews deflected in the winning goal with 31 seconds left to help Chicago beat his hometown team.

Ducks 2, Devils 1
John Gibson made 26 saves and Anaheim took a three-point lead over Nashville and Montreal in the race for the Presidents' Trophy.

Bruins 2, Hurricanes 1
David Pastrnak scored on a nice centring pass from Carl Soderberg at 4:23 of overtime.

Panthers 4, Senators 2
Jaromir Jagr scored two goals and Dan Ellis made 25 saves as Florida defeated Ottawa. The win pulled the Panthers within a point of Ottawa for ninth place in the East.

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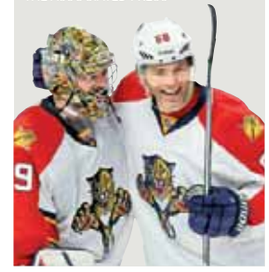

IN NASHVILLE

Flames lower the Bouma

Lance Bouma scored two goals to lead the Calgary Flames to a 5-2 win over the Nashville Predators on Sunday.

Michael Ferland, Kris Russell and Jiri Hudler also scored for the Flames, who snapped a two-game losing streak.

Roman Josi and Seth Jones had the goals for Nashville. Playing their third game in four days, the playoff-bound Predators' four-game winning streak came to an end.

Calgary moved into third place in the Pacific Division and a playoff spot in the ultra-tough Western Conference with the win.

The Flames are 19-21-4 when their opponents score first and won all three games against the Predators this season.

Defenceman Shea Weber missed his second consecutive game for the Preds with a lower-body injury.

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Michael Ferland scored his first career NHL goal for the Flames on Sunday in Nashville. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Whitecaps' Nicolas Mezquida gets a head on the ball against the Timbers' Darlington Nagbe, left, and Maximiliano Urruti at BC Place Stadium on Saturday.
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MLS

Ousted the difference in Whitecaps win

Through four games, the Vancouver Whitecaps have numerous areas in their game with room for improvement. Goalkeeping, so far, has not been one of them.

Against the rival Portland Timbers on Saturday, third-year goalkeeper David Ousted was counted upon to make two spectacular saves in the second half, including one with the game tied in the final minutes that had an instant impact on the result at BC Place Stadium.

The Whitecaps increased their winning streak to three games with a 2-1 victory.

Ousted's biggest save was a left-hand stop on Fanendo Adi, who found himself free and clear behind Vancouver's defence with a chance to give Portland a lead in the 89th minute. Ousted was up to the task.

The Whitecaps came right back down the field and newcomer Robert Earnshaw scored the winner.

In just over a minute, the Whitecaps went from potentially losing the game and coming away without a point, to a quick goal, a win and three points.

"He was excellent. He won us the game," said head coach Carl Robinson of Ousted.

"Maybe we deserved to lose the game, but when you have a top goalkeeper it's important he keeps you in games like he did today. They were the better team. They were the better team for long stretches."

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USL DEBUT

Whitecaps FC 2 lost their inaugural USL match 4-0 to the Seattle Sounders FC 2 on Sunday.

Spartans stun Cardinals

NCAA BASKETBALL

Seventh seed advances to Final Four after OT triumph

Coach Tom Izzo and the Michigan State Spartans capped an improbable run to the Final Four with an overtime win.

Senior guard Travis Trice scored 17 points and the seventh-seeded Spartans clamped down on defence to pull out a 76-70 victory over fourth-seeded Louisville in a thrilling NCAA Tournament East Regional final Sunday.

The Spartans (28-11), who were nearly counted out of the tournament conversation in February, won for the 12th time in 15 games. It's a run that included them knocking off second-seeded Virginia last weekend and third-seeded Oklahoma in the regional semifinal on Friday.

Michigan State advances to face Duke.

Wayne Blackshear had 28 points for the Cardinals (27-9) in a game that featured 11 lead changes.

It's the ninth Final Four appearance for the Spartans, and first since 2010, when they lost 52-50 to Butler in the national semifinals. Izzo has led them to seven Final Fours including the 2000 national championship.

The Spartans did it with perseverance and with a roster that was regarded as having less talent than the team that lost in the regional final to Connecticut a year ago. Michigan State lost three of its top four scorers.

"Everybody doubted us. Everybody had us down and out," said junior forward Denzel Valentine, who had 15 points. "They didn't have us making the tournament. We just kept strong."

Trice was so elated and drained following the victory that he fell to his knees at centre court and began sobbing. He was joined by his teammates and members of his family.

The Spartans rallied from a 40-32 halftime deficit to eventually build a 61-59 lead with 3:57 left, when Trice hit two free throws.

The Cardinals rallied and had a chance to pull out the victory in regulation. Down 65-64, Mangok Mathiang hit one of two free throws with 4.9 seconds left.

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Michigan State's Branden Dawson, left, and Gavin Schilling converge on Louisville's Mangok Mathiang on Sunday in Syracuse, N.Y. SETH WENIG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **We believe in ourselves.**
> Michigan State forward Denzel Valentine

FINAL FOUR

The undefeated Kentucky Wildcats (38-0) will take on the Wisconsin Badgers (35-3) on Saturday.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Blue Devils burn Bulldogs

A special group of freshmen is taking Duke and Coach K back to the NCAA Final Four.

The Blue Devils and their trio of freshmen starters are going to their 16th Final Four, a record-matching 12th for coach Mike Krzyzewski, after a 66-52 win Sunday in the South Regional over Gonzaga.

Justise Winslow, the freshman playing at home in Houston, had 16 points, including a big three-pointer in the closing minutes. Matt Jones also had 16 points, freshman Tyus Jones had 15 points and Jahlil Okafor recorded nine points and eight rebounds.

Duke (33-4), the region's No. 1 seed, is going to Indianapolis to play Michigan State in the Final Four.

Krzyzewski is going to the Final Four for the 12th time, matching UCLA's John Wooden for the most by a head coach and five more than anyone else.

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CFL

New 40-yard dash record set at combine

Tevaughn Campbell picked a great time to run a personal-best 40-yard dash.

With personnel from all nine CFL teams looking on, the Regina Rams defensive back posted a national combine-record time of 4.355 seconds Sunday. The six-foot, 185-pound Campbell broke the mark of 4.41 seconds set earlier at Varsity Stadium by UNLV running back Shaquille Murray-Lawrence.

Campbell immediately proved it was no fluke, finishing his second run in 4.363 seconds. Then Campbell, the 2012 Canada West 60-metre track champion, had the lone interception in one-on-one drills between defensive backs and receivers.

"I wanted to show I'm a football player," Campbell said. "A lot of them ask, 'Are you a track guy?' I was really looking forward to the one-on-ones got the only interception, which I was pretty proud of.

"I trained all year for this, two-a-days with football and track, so I was hoping to put down a fast time. When I went to the interviews with all the coaches (Friday night) I told them 4.29 so I was disappointed I didn't hit my goal but maybe another day I'll try to get that."

> **50**
> **The number of draft-eligible players who participated in the weekend combine**

Both Campbell and Murray-Lawrence set electronic 40-yard dash records, breaking the previous mark of 4.42 seconds held jointly by Shamawd Chambers and Kristopher Robertson. Steven Turner has the all-time standard of 4.31 seconds, set in '09 when it was hand-timed.

The CFL adopted electronic timing in 2010.

Campbell certainly had incentive to perform well at the combine. In September he was ranked No. 18 on the CFL Scouting Bureau's top-20 draft prospects list but didn't make the one released in December.

Campbell believes his versatility would benefit any CFL team he joined, either as a draftee May 12 or free agent.

"They're going to get a fast, aggressive player," the Toronto native said. "An all-around player who can play offence, defence and special teams."

Fifty draft-eligible players participated in the weekend combine. But the top two ranked draft prospects, offensive linemen Brett Boyko of UNLV and Alex Mateas of UConn and No. 4 running back Tyler Varga of Yale, skipped it. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CURLING SIMMONS POSTS FLAWLESS WEEKEND
Canada's Pat Simmons calls out instructions during a match against China at the world men's curling championship in Halifax on Sunday. The Simmons rink improved to 3-0 with a pair of wins Sunday — 7-4 over China and 9-6 against Sweden. MICHAEL BURNS/HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F.

2. Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add the lasagna noodles and cook for about 8 minutes or until the noodles are just tender. Drain and rinse with cold water. Set aside.

3. Lightly coat a large, nonstick skillet with cooking spray, add the oil, onion, garlic and mushrooms and sauté for 8 minutes or just until the mushrooms are no longer wet. Add the spinach and allow the spinach to wilt, about 3 minutes. Remove the skillet from the heat and add the ricotta, mozzarella and Parmesan cheeses, mustard, salt and pepper.

4. Place the mixture in the bowl of a food processor and pulse on and off until it is uniformly chopped.

5. Pour 1 cup of the tomato sauce into a 9- x 13-inch casserole dish. Spread about 1/4 cup of the cheese mixture along the length of each sheet. Roll up each noodle and cut in half. Place in baking dish with the ruffled side of lasagna facing up. Pour the remaining 1/3 cup of the tomato sauce over and sprinkle with the grated mozzarella cheese. Cover with foil and bake for 20 minutes or just until hot.

Ingredients
- 8 lasagna noodles
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 cups finely chopped onion
- 2 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 3 cups chopped mushrooms
- 4 cups fresh baby spinach
- 3/4 cup light ricotta (5%)
- 2/3 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 tsp Dijon mustard
- pinch of salt and pepper
- 1 1/3 cups tomato sauce, divided
- 3 Tbsp shredded mozzarella cheese

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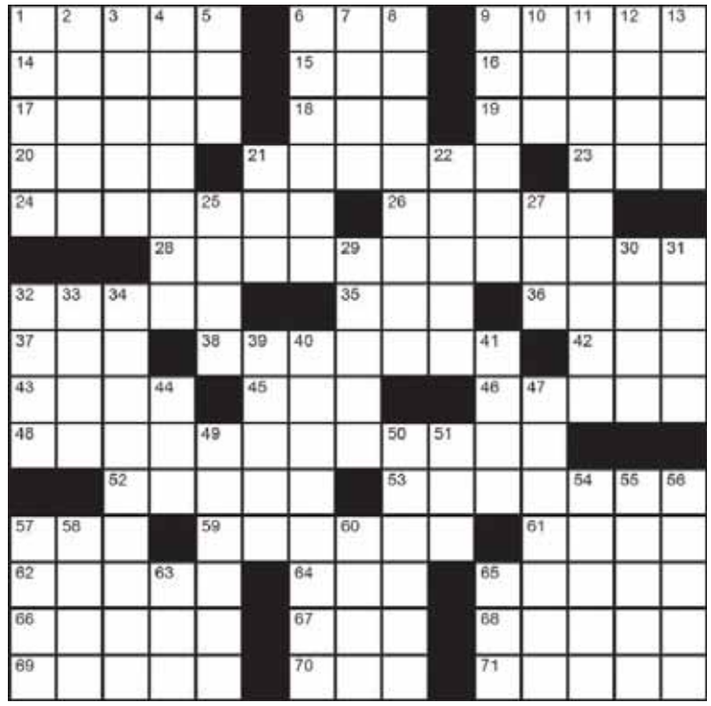

ACROSS
1. Persnickety people
6. Computer co.
9. Stands
14. _'__ Supreme (French) = The Supreme Being (English)
15. Writing guidebook, ___ Style Manual
16. Tennis great Chris
17. The Writers' __ of Canada
18. Little, in Lyon
19. Captain Nemo creator Jules
20. 'Soups' lister
21. Jason __, Matt Damon role
23. Web connector [abbr.]
24. The __ (Trendy area of Toronto)
26. Ancient Greek colony
28. Twisty treat at Tim Hortons: 2 wds.
32. Movie star Willem
35. Purpose
36. Mr. Day, "American Idol" Season 1 competitor
37. There: Latin
38. Most genuine
42. Latin for 'eggs'
43. Brand for foamy toys
45. "Begone!"
46. Foil-like weapons
48. Manitoba's provincial bird: 3 wds.
52. Short
53. Greek alphabet's fifth letter
57. Cool __ cucumber
59. Look around the store
61. Chocolate bar brand
62. Singer, Frankie __
64. Plunder
65. Respect rules
66. "There's __ few left." ...observed the shopper
67. Actor Mr. Gulager
68. Actor Tim
69. __ up (Becomes smarter)
70. Tiny amphibian
71. Got gossip

DOWN
1. Eve of "The Brady Bunch"
2. Ms. Zellweger
3. _, __ (Music legend Ms. Turner's autobiography)
4. Marx Brothers brother
5. Ott. hockey player
6. Be a demanding guest
7. Sky's colour, en francais
8. Quebec: La __ National Park
9. ARC = Agence du __ du Canada
10. 'Select' suffix
11. "Mistake": Hit for what Canadian rock band?: 2 wds.
12. Coastal birds
13. Process piece
21. Mr. Affleck
22. Averages
25. Tiller
27. 'Project' suffix
29. Conference of 1945 of the Big Three
30. House's gutter locale
31. Scandinavian rugs
32. Kitchen timer sound!
33. Berliner's 'but'
34. "Sugar Shack" by Jimmy Gilmer & The __
39. Urging-on person
40. 'A' and 'F' of RCAF: 2 wds.
41. __ Falls (Tallest waterfall in Hamilton)
44. Not near
47. Ductile
49. Leg bones
50. "I realize that, however...": 2 wds.
51. Poet's 'not closed'
54. Priestess in Georges Bizet opera The Pearl Fishers
55. Decree
56. "There's __ __ in sight!"
57. Profess
58. __-Flush
60. Howling hunter
63. Caustic solution
65. "Interesting!"

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You seem to be working harder than ever but not getting much to show for it. Don't worry. The Sun in your sign means you are guaranteed some sort of return on the efforts you are making.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You are trying to make sense of something that makes no sense at all, so it is no wonder you are getting frustrated. Some puzzles are best left unsolved.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
The consequences of something you did weeks and maybe even months ago will catch up with you over the next few days. Chances are it will be quite enjoyable.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
It isn't enough that you just feel confident, you must apply that confidence and get important things done. Both in your personal life and at work there are changes that need to be made.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
No one has the right to tell you what to believe or what to do and anyone who tries will feel the rough edge of your tongue. Better you go too far than let them think you are an easy touch.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Nothing truly happens by chance and if you keep that thought in mind today you will be able to make sense of something that leaves others baffled.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Is there some overall goal you are working towards in life? If not, now is the time to decide who or what you should devote yourself to — besides yourself, of course!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
It won't be long before you look back at something that is causing you grief and realize how unimportant it was. Get over it and give yourself a break.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You can turn almost any situation to your advantage now but don't get carried away and take on someone who is obviously several leagues above you on the power ladder.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Work hard early in the day because the afternoon and evening will bring social opportunities you won't want to miss. Don't burden yourself with unnecessary deadlines.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If you don't tell the absolute truth about yourself today you will regret it later in the week when your evasive tactics are revealed for the world to see. Put everything in the public domain.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
It does not matter that you have made some kind of mistake, what matters is that you learn from it. Don't be too stubborn to admit that you got it wrong, it's no big deal. You are human like everyone else.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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